

NEIGHBORS UNITED



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Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,
Monday, **NOVEMBER 13**, 2017 at 7:00pm

Join us at the Claude Pepper Senior Center, 1762 S. La Cienega Boulevard

Faircrest Heights: One of the Hottest Neighborhoods In America in 2013 — BusinessInsider.com



President's Corner by Laura Anderson

Greetings Neighbors,

It's officially fall now, and I'm sure you're just as ready as me for the cool down from this record heat!

It's been a trying past few weeks with the recent events in this country, and within our own neighborhood. This month's newsletter is a little different and features a letter from local resident, Marguerite, who was recently the victim of the burglary you may have seen on the news. Inside this newsletter you'll find lots of updates for our neighborhood as well as some very helpful information to keep you a little safer in your home, which as we all know — you can never be too safe

Since this month's meeting falls on a holiday **there will be NO meeting this month**, so we hope you enjoy this newsletter, and a quick sneak peek at November's meeting:

- Our guest speaker will be Maya Dobson, a financial planner
- We will be planning for our Annual Holiday Pot Luck in December, so we hope you can help us plan!
- November's meeting will have our annual gratitude food drive. Please bring your bag of food to the meeting, and we will donate it to Holy Spirit on Pico & Burnside.

We'll see you on Monday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Laura Anderson
President

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Agenda

There is NO meeting this month due to the holiday. We hope that you will join us on Monday, November 13th at 7:00pm for the NEXT meeting!

LAPD Numbers

- Emergency911
- Non-Emergency311877.275.5273
.....or (877-ASK-LAPD)
- Wilshire Station213.473.0476
- Senior Lead Officer Adam Green
North of 18th Street213.793.0647
- Senior Lead Officer Tim Estevez
South of 18th Street213.793.0786
- Anonymous Tip Line
.....877.LAW.FULL
877.529.3855

Call 911 immediately if you see persons breaking into homes or loitering around neighbors' homes.

A Message from Our Neighbor, Marguerite Strain”



How do I say thank you?

After my surreal and frightening ordeal of a home invasion burglary, God has shown me that love and kindness trumps all adversity.

Being a part of this community is the best thing that has ever happened to me.

I have been totally overwhelmed by the outpouring of concern and love shown to me during the aftermath of this traumatic event.

For openers, during my ordeal with the police and detectives were here in my home. My neighbor Sue and her daughter Tracy kept me company, keeping me sane and focused.

As dawn became day, I received calls of concern and offers of “What can I do to help? ” from the beautiful neighbors I have known during the 38 years of living in Faircrest Heights.

But the greatest surprise of love came from our newest community neighbors in “The Faircrest”.

This evening, at dusk my doorbell rang. I was still a bit shaken from the day’s events, I hesitated to answer the door when I heard a strange voice. An unknown name came over the intercom. I peered through the security door and saw 3 lovely women bearing gifts.

They revealed that they were members of the “Families of the Faircrest” and introduced themselves as Margo, Noah, and Karen. In their hands were gifts of love. An orchid, a homemade cake and a card signed by several members of the Faircrest community. Within the card was a substantial monetary donation.

Needless to say I was totally floored! Strangers showing such love to a stranger!

But then I realized we are all in this fantastic community together. We are family. When one is hurting we all hurt. When one experiences joy, we are all joyful.

I praise God that I am a member of such a special community. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart Neighbors United and The Faircrest.

I will never forget this outpouring of love. May God continue to bless all of you.

Marguerite Strain

Safety First: Follow Up



This incident was the fourth home invasion robbery in the city in recent weeks--West Hills, Los Feliz, Hancock Park, and Faircrest Heights (Mid-City). Another one occurred in Westchester the night after the Faircrest Heights incident. As a community, we must be alert to unusual situations and report them. Faircrest Heights neighbors want to make certain that our community is not an easy target for thieves.

Protect Yourself



If you think it sounds unbelievable that burglars can enter a home through a doggy door, think again. As indicated in the story about the recent home invasion robbery on Stearns Drive, the homeowner believes that burglars possibly

entered through a doggy door. The news reporters suggested that it was possible that a door was left unlocked making the intrusion easier. However, on Nextdoor, another neighbor on Stearns indicated that someone recently broke into her home by crawling through the doggy door.

Take a look at the links below and/or go to YouTube and check out numerous tapes of burglars entering homes through doggy doors. If you have one that is unsecured, you might want to make some changes for your security and peace of mind.

<http://www.insideedition.com/headlines/23767-video-shows-brazen-thief-squirming-into-home-through-doggy-door>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MFzepBBQQQ>

TOP PREVENTION TIPS

1. Secure all doors and windows.
2. Light up your home, use timer switches when out.
3. Store your keys safely and away from windows & letterboxes.
4. Record details of valuables and don't keep large cash amounts at home.
5. Use your alarm, even when you're at home.

Emergency Preparedness Events

With all of the earthquake and fire activity taking place on the West Coast and in Mexico, it's a good reminder to get prepared and organized! With all the recent disasters, we need to remind ourselves what to do and not do when something happens. Get tips on how to prepare BEFORE a disaster strikes. Power lines down? Smell gas? Will the phones work? Is this water safe to drink? If a disaster strikes be prepared for up to a week on your own!

Emergency Communications: Our Phones are Out, Now What?

Thursday, October 12, 2017, 6:30-9pm
St. John's Presbyterian Church,
11000 National Blvd at Military Ave, LA, CA 90034
Free Parking! Light Refreshments!

Recent hurricanes and major earthquakes highlight the importance of emergency communications. When such a disaster hits Los Angeles, our communications systems—cell phones, land lines, and Internet—likely will fail. Learn how to prepare so you can communicate with members of your immediate and extended family, neighbors, and disaster responders. There will be experts, demonstrations, and hands-on opportunities to try various methods of communications. Plus: vendors and door prizes so you can add to your emergency preparedness supplies.

Crenshaw Community Disaster Preparedness Expo

Saturday October 7, 2017, 10:00am-5:00pm
West Angeles Church, Crenshaw Boulevard, LA, CA,
Across from Metro/Crenshaw Station
Plenty of Free Parking! Food trucks!

A host of emergency response and disaster agencies, vendors, and others converge to put on an exciting event in the heart of the city. Get up close and personal with our First Responders—CERT, LAFD, LAPD and more—in the Demonstration Pavilion. Check out emergency response vehicles and the latest gear. Get hands-on training in disaster preparedness and response techniques while having fun for the whole family.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7 PM (1 ½ hours)
Castle Heights Elementary School Auditorium,
9755 Cattaraugus Ave. at Castle Heights Ave.
Hosted by Marci Sandell, EMT, CERT

DISASTER FIRST AID

This fun and interesting workshop will remind you what to do AFTER a disaster. Learn who to treat first and why.

Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 7 PM (1 ½ hours)
Castle Heights Elementary School Auditorium,
9755 Cattaraugus Ave. at Castle Heights Ave
Hosted by Marci Sandell, EMT, CERT

FREE LAFD CERT Training Program in our area!

Mon, Nov 6 - Mon, Dec 18, 2017, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
YOU MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION.

MAR VISTA FAMILY CENTER

5075 S. Slauson Ave, Culver City, CA 90230

For details and to sign up:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lafd-cert-culver-city-tickets-36516527918>

Stay Connected!

This newsletter runs with your support, and with the transition to a new editor, your article contributions and feedback are much appreciated! Please send any contributions to us at: **NeighborsUnitedofFH@gmail**



If you would prefer to have the newsletter delivered to your email address, please email us!





September 26, 2017

As many of you continue to battle excessive airplane noise and pollution, I hope you will join me and special guests City Council President Herb Wesson and Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson at my event to discuss strategies we are pursuing to tackle these issues. This next Quiet Skies meeting will take place on Saturday morning, October 7, 2017 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

If you have visited my [website](#) or been in touch with my office about this issue, I hope you have seen the legislative and other actions that I have been working on to try and address the recent FAA changes to flight paths that created a heavy-traffic highway-in-the-sky.

At this meeting, I, along with my guests, will provide you with the most-up-to date information about legislation and other efforts to address the low altitudes, unrelenting frequency, late night flights and other issues that are plaguing neighborhoods in my district.

My guests and I will also look forward to learning more about how these issues are affecting your lives and about your own organizing efforts to advocate for changes.

WHAT: "Quiet Skies Meeting"

WHERE: Holman United Methodist Church, 3320 W Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018

WHEN: Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

HOW: RSVP at <https://bass.house.gov/quietskiesoct> or call (323) 965-1422.

I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

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Just for Fun:

- What do you call wood when it's scared? *Petrified!*
- What do mummies like listening to on Halloween? *Wrap!*
- Which ghost is the best dancer? *The Boogie Man!*

Hearts & Flowers

We are sending our thoughts and concerns for all those neighbors in need now.

Please keep in touch with neighbors who are ill, hospitalized, confined to their homes or bereaved. Give them a call or a visit, you never know how you might brighten their day.



Remember to notify your block captain or Helen Nelson, our Hearts and Flowers chair, at 323-934-0752.

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- Corresponding Secretary Sue Beidleman
- ParliamentarianFern Paillet
- Sergeant-At-Arms.....Yvonne Smith
- Newsletter EditorAllie Cormier
- Hearts & Flowers ChairHelen Nelson

If you are interested in joining - please join us at the meeting this coming Tuesday!

Please give your dues to your block captain. Feel free to bring them to a meeting, or mail them to:
Neighbors United • P.O.Box 35103 • Los Angeles, CA 90035

Neighbors United Membership Form

The membership drive is happening now! Support Faircrest Heights!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

eMail: _____ Yearly Dues: \$15.00

Please fill this out and give it with your check payable to Neighbors United to your block captain